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## **FPPC Agenda Includes Post-Governmental Employment, Electronic Contributions and Proposed Diversion Program**

The Fair Political Practices Commission on Tuesday (October 24) will act on rules to clarify a new post-governmental employment (“revolving door”) restriction affecting many of California’s local officials. The commission also will act on rules for reporting campaign contributions made through electronic installment payments, a proposed enforcement diversion program for minor violations of the Political Reform Act, and many other agenda items.

The commission’s regular monthly meeting begins at 9:45 a.m. in the FPPC's eighth-floor hearing room at 428 J St. (Fifth and J Streets) in Sacramento.

A new post-governmental employment restriction, or “revolving door” provision, covering many local government positions took effect on July 1, 2006. Generally, the new law, Government Code section 87406.3, prohibits specified local officials from making certain types of appearances and communications before their former agency for one year after leaving that agency. The statute was passed by the Legislature as Senate Bill 8 (Soto) and signed into law by the Governor last year. Former state officials and employees were already subject to a similar law.

Specifically, the new local restriction applies to the following elected or appointed positions: local elected officials, chief administrative officers of counties, city managers, and general managers or chief administrators of special districts.

On Tuesday, FPPC staff attorneys will present a proposed regulation to interpret and clarify the new local “revolving door” restriction. The proposed rule also defines certain terms to help affected local officials better understand their obligations. (See agenda item #16.)

At its October meeting, the commission also will act on a number of other agenda items, including:

- Rule changes to clarify how campaigns should report “recurring electronic contributions,” such as installment contributions made by credit card (agenda item #17).
- Discussion of a proposed FPPC enforcement diversion program. The program has been proposed as an alternative to full administrative prosecution for minor violations of the Political Reform Act. It could include, among other things, required remedial training for participants (agenda item #19).
- Proposed FPPC staff regulatory projects for 2007 (agenda item #18).
- A number of enforcement cases (agenda items #2-15).

The agenda and supporting memoranda and materials are posted on the FPPC’s website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov). Just click on “Agendas” on the left side of the home page and go to “Current Agenda.” The agenda is posted on the website 10 days before the meeting, and letters commenting on agenda items are also posted when received.

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